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REMARKS

  
This is UNEVALUATED Information

1. On 21 January 1954, the Neue Infanterie Kaserne, Neustrelitz, was occupied by about 2,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. At about 9 a.m., about 100 troops with 3 mortars left the barracks installation for the training area opposite the installation. At about noon, the troops returned to the installation. At about 9:30 a.m., T-34/85 tanks  left the installation in the same direction. At about 10 a.m., about 50 troops armed with carbines and submachine guns and carrying practice targets left the installation for the training area. At about 11 a.m., T-34 tank  left the installation. A total of about 150 troops were seen en route between the individual quartering buildings. About 50 troops, who serviced vehicles, were seen through the open doors of a shed, which was occupied to capacity by trucks. Two tank cars were drained at the fuel depot outside the installation.

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2. On 21 January, the Alte Grenadier Kaserne was lightly occupied. All was quiet in the barracks area, except for about 12 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, who entered the installation. About 25 Russian children played in the barracks yard.

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3. Between 18 and 22 January, a winter exercise involving units from the Neustrelitz post was presumably held in the area northeast of Neustrelitz. The exercise involved tanks, mortars, AT guns, guns and armored scout cars. Observation planes were observed over Neustrelitz. On 18 January, 5 BA-64 armored scout cars, jeep and 3 trucks  were seen leaving the restricted area at Glambecker See. At about 11 a.m. on 22 January, 15 trucks, towing 122-mm field howitzers

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returned to the restricted area on Gerhard Hauntmann Strasse.

Between 18 and 21 January, about 30 percent of the windows of the Alte Grenadier Kaserne were lighted after nightfall.

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the troops were absent for an exercise. Between 15 and 23 January, an undetermined number of tanks and trucks

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daily left Neue Infanterie Kaserne toward northeast. On 23 January, all military installations in Neustrelitz were occupied as in early January.



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 Comment. The area northeast of Neustrelitz has frequently been utilized for exercises by the 9th Gds Tank Div. The division probably conducted winter exercises in this area between 18 and 22 January. Units of other divisions in East Germany conducted winter exercises and firing practices during the same period of time. The information does not indicate any changes in the distribution of units of the abovementioned division in Neustrelitz. 

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